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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Taiwanese Office Action from the Taiwanese Patent Office that was mailed on June 17, 2004, with respect to patent family member Taiwanese Patent Application No. 089120988, in which the Taiwanese Patent Examiner cited the following document:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-209754, which was published on August 3, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and is

listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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